

FACT SHEET

Former Transcontinental Refinery Enrolled in Voluntary Cleanup Program

Former Transcontinental Refinery
Bristow, Creek County, Oklahoma

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Information Resources:

For more information on the work at the former refinery, contact:

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<http://www.deq.state.ok.us/lpdnew/VCPIndex.htm>

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Visit the document repository to review project documents:

Bristow Public Library

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Monday through Thursday

9:00 am to 6:00 pm

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9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Closed Friday and Sunday

Site Investigation Activities Begin

Marathon Petroleum Company has entered into an agreement with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) to complete environmental investigation and potential cleanup activities at the former Transcontinental Refinery, located northeast of the City of Bristow in Creek County, Oklahoma. The agreement is made possible through ODEQ's Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) – described on the back of this fact sheet – a multi-step process designed to voluntarily assess potential environmental impacts. At the former refinery property, the partners are in the first step of a process that will continue over the next several months to complete initial site investigation activities and assess what additional steps are necessary to address potential environmental impacts remaining from historical refinery operations.

Site History

- The former Transcontinental Refinery property, which covers approximately 100 acres, was used for refinery operations since at least 1922, when the Transcontinental Oil Company purchased the Continental Petroleum Company and acquired the property north of Bristow. At that time, operations consisted of a six-still skimming plant capable of processing 5,000 barrels of crude oil per day.
- Over the next 20 years, several oil refining companies conducted operations at the property. These operations are believed to be the source of, or contributors to, the potential environmental impacts currently being investigated.
- Buildings associated with refinery operations were torn down by the early 1960s, and the property has since been divided into a mix of residential, commercial, recreational, and agricultural properties as well as several acres of undeveloped land.



The former Transcontinental Refinery property is located northwest of the City of Bristow in Creek County, Oklahoma (above). The image to the left is an aerial view of the former Transcontinental Refinery.

Former Transcontinental Refinery Bristow, Creek County, Oklahoma

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Taking Voluntary Action

Marathon Petroleum has entered into an agreement with ODEQ to complete a voluntary site investigation and potential cleanup. The ODEQ VCP gives participants an opportunity to clean up environmentally-impacted sites without entering a federal program. Participants in the ODEQ VCP conduct investigation and cleanup activities under ODEQ oversight to demonstrate that all work is completed properly under current laws and regulations. The ultimate goal of the VCP is to thoroughly investigate impacted sites and complete any necessary cleanup to demonstrate that the sites do not present unacceptable risks to human health or the environment.

One of ODEQ's goals for site cleanup within the VCP is to reach out to local potentially-affected parties and provide opportunities for members of the community to participate in the process. Several opportunities will exist for community involvement during the characterization and cleanup process. Throughout the VCP process, information will be shared with the general public in periodic fact sheet updates and informational meetings.

Project documents will also be made available in the document repository at the Bristow Public Library and on the ODEQ VCP website. Project resources, including contact information for ODEQ and Marathon Petroleum staff who can answer questions and provide more information about the environmental investigation work at the former refinery, are listed on the front of this fact sheet.

Next Steps

After finalizing the Voluntary Consent Order, the team will begin investigating environmental impacts, identifying the need for cleanup actions, and evaluating options for cleanup, as appropriate. Throughout this process, several reports will be prepared with ODEQ oversight and review to present the proposed methods for completing work, and document data and findings. ODEQ will then consider the information in these reports and issue the Record of Decision, or ROD, to describe the proposed cleanup plan for the former refinery. The ROD will be made available for public review, and ODEQ will make revisions based on any comments received prior to issuing the final ROD.



What is the Voluntary Cleanup Program?

ODEQ's Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) provides a means for private parties and government entities to voluntarily investigate and, if warranted, clean up properties that may have environmental impacts. The participants have the opportunity to negotiate site activities throughout the process, and if requested, sites in the VCP generally have the option to enter the Brownfields Program.

The VCP includes sites ranging from old oil refineries with multiples sources of historical impacts that affect hundreds of acres, to sites less than an acre with a single source of impact.

The graphic to the left depicts the ODEQ VCP process. **The former Transcontinental Refinery is currently in the "Voluntary Consent Order" phase.** ★

ODEQ and Marathon Petroleum will solicit public input throughout the VCP process, but particularly prior to finalization of the Record of Decision, which will present the final cleanup plan for the former refinery.